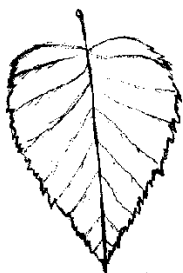


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The leaves are 2-4 inches long and coarsely saw-toothed with 5-9 veins on either side. Unlike the River Birch the base of the leaf is rounded or slightly indented.

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Paper Birch

White Canoe Birch

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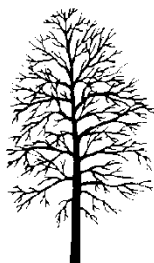
White Canoe Birch



Like the Gray Birch the flowers are drooping catkins up to 4 inches long near the ends of the twigs. The cones are over an inch long bearing the small nutlike brown seeds.

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A medium sized tree it grows straight, 50-70 feet, with a rounded crown and slightly drooping branches. The bark is chalky white with long black horizontal lines. It peels into papery strips uncovering an orangish inner bark.

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The waterproof bark of this tree made it suitable for making canoes. The bark was stretched over a lightweight frame, sewn together, and caulked with pine pitch. The tree often grows in clusters, and the slender trunks bend easily in the wind and under the weight of the snow.

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